

Swim call, swim call!

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As Sailors aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) awoke yesterday and prepared to go about their normal duties, anticipation and excitement dominated the typical routine of another day on deployment. The Boatswain's Mate of the Watch's piping brought instant silence about the decks. "Good Morning on board Theodore Roosevelt. This is the commanding officer," said Capt. Ladd Wheeler, commanding officer of TR, as he spoke through the ship's general announcement system. Wheeler spoke briefly, detailing the condition of the seas before finally announcing, "Swim call, swim call!"

The crew of TR spent the next few hours enjoying an exceptionally rare opportunity to participate in a swim call. After leaping from aircraft elevator three into the tepid sea below, the crew followed a path set by the search-and-rescue swimmers of TR and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 8 to the fantail, where they were plucked back aboard, concluding an experience that they will not soon forget.



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